



THE NAVAJO NATION

Proclamation

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO CODE TALKER FLEMING BEGAYE, SR.

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is greatly saddened by the loss of Fleming Begaye, Sr., a Navajo Code Talker and National Hero; and

WHEREAS, Begaye served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II from 1943-1945 and fought in the Battle of Tarawa and Battle of Tinian and was later awarded the Congressional Silver Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Begaye returned to the Navajo Nation and owned and operated "Begaye's Corner" trading post in the community of Chinle

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation honors the late Fleming Begaye, Sr. for his service to the Navajo Nation and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation offers its prayers and condolences to his children, grandchildren, friends, and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN NEZ, President of the Navajo Nation, and **I, Myron Lizer**, Vice President of the Navajo Nation, do hereby proclaim that all flags on the Navajo Nation shall be flown at half-staff on May 17, 2019 to honor the memory and service of the late Fleming Begaye, Sr.

ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF MAY 2019

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Jonathan Nez, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Lizer".

Myron Lizer, *Vice President*
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